

## REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION AND STATISTICAL SERVICE

APPENDIX A

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 4/23/85

FULL NAME DAVID DIRK DAVENPORT (REV.) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 (No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Madison STATE Conn. ZIP CODE 06443

DATE OF BIRTH 7/37 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 48 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Episcopalian NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION Part time Minister-Formally full time Minister in DuBoque, Iowa  
Congregation of United Church of Christ

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT 160-175 HEIGHT 6'0" RACE Caucasian Complexion Fair

COLOR OF HAIR Sandy Brown (balding) COLOR OF EYES n/a wears glasses \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Slim, tall, mild manner, soft spoken  
(Mr Nice Guy)

MARRIED OR SINGLE Divorced CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Number, ages, and names, if possible)

NAME OF SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

## SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	POSITION	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
Tr-490	Madison	Conn	Asm		1980
Tr-490	Madison	Conn	SM	June 1983	1985

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

## SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Was arrested in connection with the reported genital fondling of three boys and the showing of pornographic books and movies to them and 6 others. The boys ranging in ages of 10 to 15 yrs. old.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

F. STARON

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JAN 28 '86

JOSEPH L. ABELIM

Written by, Registration  
 Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
 Council National, Irving Texas

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# Essex Pastor Who Left 'Trail' of Abuse Sentenced in Molesting of Boys

By STEVE BURKHOLDER  
Current Staff Writer

NEW HAVEN — The pastor of an Essex church sentenced to prison Friday for sexually molesting boys in his Madison Boy Scout troop had committed similar acts in at least three other towns in the Midwest, leaving what a Superior Court judge called "a trail of damaged and soiled lives."

The Rev. David Drk Davenport, 48, of Madison, pastor of tiny Centerville Congregational Church, was sentenced to 10 years in prison — with six years suspended — and

five years' probation for risk of injury to or impairing the morals of minors and fourth-degree sexual assault involving five boys aged 10 to 14. The judge also ordered Davenport to obtain counseling.

Appearing calm, Davenport was sentenced by Superior Court Judge Frank J. Kinney Jr. at an emotional hearing where a mother of one of the victims read a letter condemning Davenport and demanding a prison sentence.

After his attorney argued against incarceration and for counseling — and noted Davenport's willingness to take the drug Depo-Provera, for so-

called chemical castration — the minister apologized to a group of the victims' parents sitting in the courtroom.

"I never intended to harm anyone. My whole life is built around serving others," he said. "I would like to say to them, I am deeply sorry ... I'm willing to do anything to change this, so that this never, ever happens again."

Patrick J. Clifford, an assistant state's attorney, detailed the incidents of Davenport's fondling boys at various times in the past two years in his home and car in Madison and on a camping trip in Killing-

worth. Davenport pleaded guilty to the charges in September and October.

When Davenport was arrested by Madison police in April, "it certainly appeared that these acts were out of character," said Clifford. "Nothing could be further from the truth, because he had been doing it for 20 years."

The prosecutor said investigators had found that about 10 years ago, Davenport had been a minister, Boy Scout leader and school bus driver in Weeping Water, Neb. There, he had been caught in a fondling incident

involving four boys, aged 12 to 15, while camping in his backyard, and had been told to leave town quietly, Clifford said.

He later went to Medford, Minn., where he was forced to leave when similar incidents were discovered, Clifford said. The same kinds of things occurred in Dodge Center, Minn., "and other locations," Clifford said without elaborating.

A mother of one victim spoke to Kinney, condemning Davenport for exposing his victims "with a great deal of meticulous premeditation," as demonstrated by his taking jobs

that would provide social contact with boys and his showing them what the prosecutor called pornographic magazines and films.

"Our group of sons was not the first" group of victims, said the woman, who requested anonymity to protect her son's identity. "But please, please let them be the last."

"He steals their childhood and innocence."

Kinney lamented other states' authorities' failure to prosecute. "Perhaps the youths of Madison would not have been victimized if that [prosecution] had occurred," he said.

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January 29, 1986

Mr. Kenneth W. Prowse  
Scout Executive  
Quinnipiac Council, No. 74

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David Dirk Davenport

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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November 11, 1985

Mr. Ernest O. Cuccaro SUM415  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Texas 75038-3096

This is probably the last of the Dirk Davenport case.

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F. STARON  
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# Connecticut

## Ex-preacher gets prison in child sex case

By Nick Povinelli  
Staff Reporter

A defrocked minister from Madison was sentenced Friday to four years in prison after he apologized to a courtroom packed with members of his own family and the families of young boys he sexually molested.

Before the sentence was imposed, the former Rev. D. Dirk Davenport, 48, stood and turned his head toward the mothers and fathers of the boys he had molested.

"I never intended to harm anyone," Davenport said. "I never thought I harmed anyone, but I did. I am deeply sorry and I hope that some day, somehow you can convey this to your sons."

The irate parents seemed barely satisfied after Davenport was led away to begin serving his prison sentence.

"No matter what he gets," one father said, "I don't think he'll suffer as much as these kids will suffer during their lives. . . . No sentence was too great — not for him."

A mother said simply that, "It's over."

Davenport, a slim man with wire-framed spectacles, was arrested three times, beginning April 18, in connection with a series of incidents last year in which he molested and showed pornographic magazines to a dozen boys between the ages of 10 and 15.

The arrests shocked the community he had served as a Boy Scout troop leader, Little League umpire, school bus driver and ambulance technician. He also worked as a part-time minister of a Congregational church in Essex.

Subsequent revelations showed he had been driven out of similar posts in other areas of the country during a 20-year career as a child molester.

According to his attorney, Jonathan Silbert, Davenport was asked to resign his ministry two weeks ago by the Connecticut Conference of United Churches in Christ.

Davenport was hit with a string of fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor charges for fondling boys in incidents that occurred during 1984 in Madison

and at a state park in Killingworth where he had been camping with scouts.

He later pleaded guilty to two counts of risk of injury and one count of fourth-degree sexual assault. Remaining charges were dropped Friday.

His plea bargaining deal limited the maximum prison sentence he

despo psychiatric counseling as a sex offender.

Davenport also was ordered to refrain from any professional or social activities that would bring him into unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16.

In meeting out the sentence, Kinney cited a need to punish Davenport and the goal of deterring others.

**"No matter what he gets, I don't think he'll suffer as much as these kids will suffer during their lives. . . . No sentence was too great — not for him."**

One victim's father

face and avoided the need for courtroom testimony by his victims.

Superior Court Judge Frank J. Kinney Jr. sentenced Davenport to a 10-year prison term, suspended after he serves four years, with five years probation.

Special conditions of his probation included a court order to un-

ers from similar conduct.

Kinney said Davenport's long history of abusing children was "particularly distressing. . . . This is a man who for at least a period of 20 years left behind him as he moved a trail of damaged and soiled lives."

Assistant State's Attorney Patrick J. Clifford, the prosecutor in

the case, said Davenport showed pornography to children to "screen potential candidates" and show him which were "fertile ground for his advances." He then would fondle the boys' private parts and, in some cases, engage in sexual activity with himself in front of the boys.

"This happened in almost every church in which he was a minister," the prosecutor said. "He ended up taking advantage of his own position in the community to satisfy his needs. . . . We don't know how many kids were involved over the past 20 years."

One mother pleaded with the court to impose a long prison sentence.

"Our group of friends were not the first (victims), but please, please let them be the last," she said. "He stole their childhood and their innocence forever. This man must go to prison."

Davenport's attorney argued unsuccessfully for a totally suspended sentence with stringent controls on Davenport as a means of inviting others to turn in suspected child molesters. Too severe

a punishment could prevent others from turning in kind, loving people like Davenport who have this one tragic flaw, Silbert argued.

Silbert also asked the court to balance the good Davenport has done in his life against evil. "The balance tips sharply in favor of the good that he has done," Silbert said.

After the 90-minute sentencing proceeding concluded, one man emerged from the courtroom and identified himself as "a sympathizer and not a friend" of Davenport.

The 27-year-old man said he was a victim of sexual abuse in his own childhood and became an abuser of children before entering counseling to deal with the problem.

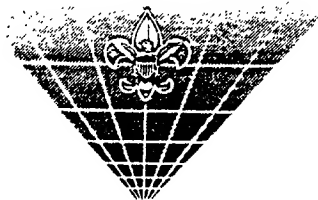
He said he was angered by society's lack of understanding about the compulsive nature of the child abuser.

"I think the nature of compulsion is critical and misunderstood," he said. "The suffering of the offender is misunderstood. The offender is abused and passes on that abuse as a means of dealing with his experience."

## Jury indicts 12

## Peahody adorns motorists

SHAPING TOMORROW



QUINNIPIAC COUNCIL Boy Scouts of America

October 4, 1985

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration & Subscription  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Tx. 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Please add the enclosed to your file on D. Dirk Davenport. I will keep you informed and advise you of sentencing when it is passed down.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Prowse  
Council Executive

P. STARON

OCT 10 1985

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CONF024686

# Minister is facing 11 years in prison

By Nick Povinelli  
Staff Reporter

The Rev. D. Dirk Davenport faces up to 11 years in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 8 on charges that he sexually molested and showed pornography to young boys in a Madison Boy Scout troop he supervised.

Davenport, 48, of Westbrook Road, Essex, admitted in court Thursday that he committed the crimes with which he was charged earlier this year.

He pleaded guilty in Superior Court in New Haven to one count of fourth-degree sexual assault and one count of risk of injury or impairing the morals of a minor.

Davenport, a part-time Congregational minister, Boy Scout leader and Little League umpire, was arrested April 18, May 6 and June 5 in connection with a series of incidents at his former Madison home, in his car and in a state park in Killingworth.

He was charged with showing pornographic magazines and films to boys between the ages of 10 and 15 and of fondling some of the boys.

Before accepting Davenport's guilty pleas, Judge Frank J. Kinney Jr. briefly outlined the allegations in the case and asked Davenport, "Is that a correct statement?"

"Yes, your honor. I'm in substantial agreement with that statement," Davenport said. When asked whether he wished to change or add anything to the statement, Davenport said, "Not at this point."

According to Assistant State's Attorney Patrick J. Clifford, the charges to which Davenport pleaded guilty are intended to encompass the factual background of multiple offenses that originally gave rise to charges of six counts of

fourth-degree sexual assault and seven counts of risk of injury that had been pending in court here.

Clifford said the state would drop the additional charges in return for Davenport's guilty plea to two counts. Davenport still faces two counts each of fourth-degree sexual assault and risk of injury charges in Superior Court in Middletown.

Fourth-degree sexual assault carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Risk of injury carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$500 fine. Davenport's conviction in the wake of the guilty pleas means he faces a possible maximum sentence of 11 years in prison and a \$1,500 fine.

Davenport is expected to plead guilty to some or all of the charges pending in the Middletown court before he is sentenced here.

Guilty pleas to added charges in Middletown could increase the maximum sentence he is facing. His plea bargain included no recommendation on the sentence to be imposed.

The proceeding here was attended by five parents of boys involved with Davenport. Before court opened, Davenport sat on one side of the courtroom and the parents on the other. He did not look at the parents.

Speaking for the group, one father expressed some satisfaction that Davenport could be sent to prison for 11 years.

However, the father said, the parents are awaiting the sentencing before deciding if they are pleased with the disposition of the case. "We don't know the outcome yet," he said.

Davenport refused to comment.

Davenport remains free on \$40,000 bond.

F. STARON

OCT 10 1985

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# NEWS ALERT

Date: May 1), 1985

Time: PM

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

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Source: News Clipping (via Harold Fieszel) Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The facts: The Rev. David D. Davenport, Scoutmaster Troop 490, Madison, CT, was  
arrested on sexual assault charges involving several members of his Scout troop.

Unit is chartered to St. Andrews Episcopal Church (he is pastor of Centerbrook  
Congregational Church). Incidents are alleged to have occurred at his home while  
teaching merit badges and involve fondling, porno magazines and films. Other  
incidents are alleged to have occurred in his car.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Council confirmed accuracy of news release  
and says Davenport's registration has been revoked following standard procedures.  
Region alerted.

Signed: Barclay M. Bell  
Ext: 2271

CONF024688



April 24, 1985

Mr. Kenneth W. Prowse  
Scout Executive  
Quinnipiac Council, No. 74

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter of April 19 concerning D. Dirk Davenport. This information is most helpful to us and will enable us to set up a file for future refusal of registration.

Please keep us informed as more items are available. We will certainly want to know the outcome of any legal proceedings and also sentencing if a conviction takes place.

If you have any items with which you need help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

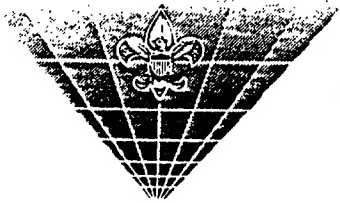
Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Northeast Region

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QUINNIPIAC COUNCIL Boy Scouts of America

April 19, 1985

Mr. Paul Ernst  
Registration Service  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, Tx. 75038-3096

Dear Paul:

The attached newspaper copy make explanation of my letter unnecessary. D. Dirk Davenport, is currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 0490 in Madison, Ct., sponsored by St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

The pastor and committee have removed him from his position and are now seeking a replacement.

When we learn anything further we will certainly keep you informed. If you need additional information for the confidential file please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth W. Prowse  
Council Executive

P. STARON

APR 25 1985



# Minister arrested in child-sex case

By REGINA BEAUSEJOUR  
East Bureau Chief

**MADISON** — A "pillar of the community" who served as a Boy Scout leader, a Congregational minister and a Little League umpire was arrested Thursday on charges of sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor.

The Rev. D. Dirk Davenport, 48, was arrested in connection with the reported genital fondling of three boys and the showing of pornographic books and movies to them and six others. He is also a driver of

the local ambulance, where he is a supervisor.

The boys ranged from 10 to 15 years old, said Detective George Roche. The arrests followed an investigation by Roche and Lt. George Blair.

Davenport, of 952 Boston Post Road, was arraigned on the charges in West Haven Superior Court Thursday afternoon. He was held at the Community Correctional Center at 1 Union Ave. in New Haven until posting \$25,000 bond Thursday night. He is expected to plead to the charges May 2 in the West Haven court.

He was charged with three counts of sexual assault in the fourth degree and four counts of risk of injury to a minor.

The reported incidents occurred over the past year, Roche said.

According to the detective, the first complaint against Davenport was made to police on April 10. Because the boy involved in that first complaint was a member of the Boy Scout group led by Davenport, police contacted the families of other Scouts.

Parents then started bringing

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## Minister charged in sex case

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some kids in" who related similar incidents involving Davenport, Roche said.

According to police, the boys in the Scout group reported being picked up by Davenport in his car to go to his house to work on projects. Several of the incidents reportedly occurred when Davenport was taking care of the boys for the parents. The boys told police that when they would get into Davenport's car, he would hand them pornographic magazines. Later, at his house, he would show pornographic movies, the boys told police.

Three of the boys reported that Davenport had touched their genitals, while six boys told of being shown the pornography.

Roche said the sexual assault charges and three of the risk of injury to a minor charges were filed in connection with the fondling of the boys, while the reports from the other six boys that they

were shown pornographic materials were "lumped together" into the fourth charge of risk of injury to a minor.

Davenport reportedly has been a Scout leader for about 15 years and worked as an umpire in the local Little League, Roche said.

According to Rev. Gordon Young, pastor of the Ivoryton Congregational Church, Davenport is part-time pastor of the Ivoryton Congregational Church.

Both churches are located in Essex. As part-time pastor, Davenport would work at the church on weekends, with full-time employment elsewhere, the minister said.

Rev. Young expressed "shock" when learning of Davenport's arrest. "I am very upset," he said.

Davenport, who is divorced, is the father of three adult children. He reportedly was planning on moving from the Ivoryton area.

D. DIRK DAVENPORT

MADISON CT 06443

A/K/A - DAVID DIRK DAVENPORT

date of birth - July 1937

CAUCASIAN - 5'10" - 6'-0" - 160-175 lbs.

COMPLEXION - FAIR - HAIR - balding - SANDY BROWN

WEARS EYEGLASSES

GENERAL APPEARANCE - slim, tall, mild manner, soft spoken  
"MR. RODGERS" - Nice Guy.

KNOWN PERSONAL HISTORY - JOINED T490 AS ASM - 1980

- ASSUMED SM ROLE - JUNE 1983

- TOWN AMBULANCE EMT

- PART TIME MINISTER - CHESTER CT

- prior bus Denver - Bee Bee  
transportation inc.

- DIVORCED - FATHER of 3 - children  
now - 18-24 yrs.

- transferred o/a Membership to  
Hecoon Lodge - 1982 - from MIDWEST

- relocated from DuBque Iowa ??

- formally FULL TIME MINISTER  
Congregation of United Church of Christ

- prior ASM - MID WEST

- PARENTS deceased - FLORIDA

- SISTER living in FLORIDA

- EXPRESSED INTEREST TO relocate to  
FLORIDA this year

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BOY SCOUTS  
ADULT LEADERS  
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TOTAL REGISTRATION &  
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# 100% BOYS' LIFE

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RETARDED AND HANDICAPPED**

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LEADER ROSTER

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~~56-2 WILLIAM MCGILL~~

SC/EC 3 THOMAS BOLAN

1138 / PFC 13 AUSTIN L JOYNER

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MADISON CT NEW HAVEN, EAST SHORE

BOYS POS. LINE NAME  
DATE LIFE NO. MC 11 JERRY LABREC

0737 /SM 14 D DIRK DAVENPORT  
0553 /SM 4 STEPHEN FITZBUSH  
0737 /SA 5 O BRIAN DAVENPORT  
0461 /SA 6 TIMOTHY J DOLAN  
0740 /SA 13 WILLIAM MALCHISKY  
0964 /SA 0 BRIAN R PERKINS



GROUP NO.	EXPIRATION DATE	NEW EXPIRATION DATE	TERM (MONTHS)	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
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